

**FIVE MEN MAY GUIDE
BRITAIN'S COURSE IN
PRESENT GREAT WAR**

Slow Decisions and Inaction
Chief Indictments Against
Government System.

**BIG POLITICAL CRISIS
SENSATION OF LONDON**

Appears Improbable Now That Asquith Will Resign—Premier
Confers With King.

LONDON, December 2.—The political crisis, which is the newspaper sensation of the hour, is generally believed to mean the future control of all war measures, both military and economic, by a cabinet directorate of five, advised by Gen. Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, and Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, first sea lord.

The question of the resignation of Premier Asquith to give place for David Lloyd George or Andrew Bonar Law, also is discussed, but that Mr. Asquith will resign appears improbable. The premier had a long audience with the king today, which furnished a basis for the afternoon papers to predict his resignation. But he would consult with the king as a matter of course over any important government changes.

Council Proved Failure.

A war council was formed in the cabinet last year, but the minimum number of five, which Mr. Asquith then announced, has been exceeded and the popular impression is that the council has been largely a failure because all of its decisions were subject to debate and ratification by the full cabinet.

The forecast of the new war council—Premier Asquith, David Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Arthur J. Balfour and Sir Edward Carson—still stands, but doubts are expressed whether Sir Edward Carson, who resigned from the cabinet a year ago because of his attitude with the government's policy in the Balkans, when Serbia was being hard pressed, will rejoin.

High Tide of Criticism.

The attacks upon the government and certain members of the government recently have risen to the highest tide attained since the beginning of the war. Although the newspapers have attacked the government and individual ministers whenever it was thought that they were going wrong, there has been no press censorship whatever on political discussion and the papers dealt with administration and public men as freely in war time as the American papers do in the heat of a presidential campaign.

While the Northcliffe press and the Morning Post have made the fiercest attacks, the London Times, the Daily Mail, the Daily Chronicle, the Westminster Gazette and the Manchester Guardian have recently become critical.

Cause of Discontent.

The trend of discontent has been partly against the government system, partly against certain members of the cabinet. Slowness in reaching decisions and inaction is the gist of the indictment. The principal counts of this are the man power and food questions, while recently dissatisfaction with the administration of the navy and weakness in the foreign office have been increasingly expressed.

One Minister Against Another.

The nation says: "It has been a case of one minister pulling against another and the departmental machinery has been jammed. The man who has been hardest getting served first. When Mr. Lloyd George was at the ministry of munitions, he was all for munitions; he was all for shells; now it appears that he is all for soldiers."

**ASSASSIN AT NIGHT
BAFFLES OFFICIALS**

Police Have No Trace of Man
Who Attacked Washing-
ton Merchant.

HE MAY NEVER BE FOUND

May, Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, and Inspector Grant, chief of detectives, last night stated that they were without a single clue to the whereabouts of "Will S. Hayes," alias "J. S. Stacy," the name registered at the Raleigh Hotel by the alleged assailant of A. Lisner, proprietor of the Palais Royal. In a second edition of the police lookout for the accused man his name appears as "Will S. Hayes," said to be his name.

Hayes, the police stated, disappeared as completely as did Detlef Schultz, who several years ago shot a young man in East Washington. In the Schultz case, it was stated, the accused man was of the type that should make identification an easy matter, and the same was said of Hayes.

"It looks as if Hayes should be easily captured," said Maj. Holtz, "and it also looked easy in the Schultz case."

Had to Step Over Scrubwoman.

So far as the detectives have been able to ascertain, it is stated, no person seems to have seen Mr. Lisner's assailant after he appeared in the hallway on the second floor of the hotel and made his way down the stairs. Before reaching the first floor, it is stated, he found it necessary to step over a woman who was scrubbing the steps.

No person on duty in the hotel office nor any of the guests in the corridor paid any particular attention to a bareheaded man hurrying from the hotel Friday afternoon. The police think it singular that no one could have left the hotel at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and gone bareheaded through the streets without attracting attention.

Inquiry at stores within a radius of several squares of the hotel failed to elicit the information that a bareheaded man had appeared at a hat store and made a purchase Friday afternoon. Mr. Lisner was able to recall the man who pressed the loaded revolver against him in the hotel room had a wig, but no disguise, if the armed man really was the former secretary to Representative Crocker.

A wig much darker than the hair described by Mr. Lisner was found in the pocket of an overcoat left in the room in which the exciting episode took place. The police took possession of it. Continuing their investigation of the affair, the police learned that the man who was taken to the hospital really telephoned him from Baltimore. He also telephoned the hotel from Baltimore to engage accommodations.

No Demand Made for Money.

Police officials are at a loss to determine what was the motive for the visit and drawing of the weapon. All Mr. Lisner was told was that the young man represented Guggenheim interests in the proposed consolidation of local banking institutions. Mr. Lisner was found himself as having no interest in the plan and declined an invitation to dine that night.

There was no demand made on him for money, but that may be explained by the action on the part of Mr. Lisner to protect himself from further attack. He was not alone in the room, and he also had other business men in the city in view to deal with them as he had in the past. The police took possession of the man's overcoat and the police took possession of the man's overcoat.

**LIBERTY SEEN FIGHT
BY NATION'S CHIEF**

President, on the Mayflower,
Sends Wireless Flash as
Fleet's Guns Boom.

SEES PEACE IN FREEDOM

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 2.—President Wilson gave the wireless flash which hailed the statue of Liberty in light at 6 o'clock tonight.

Bartholdi's famous symbol of American freedom, which had been for thirty years a token of welcome to the United States to millions of immigrants from every land, will be illuminated every night hereafter from top to bottom. Funds to install the permanent lighting system for the statue, the gift to the United States of 400,000 citizens of France, were provided by public subscription.

Grouped around the President upon the deck of the yacht Mayflower, anchored off Bedloe's Island, as he flashed the signal which turned on the lights, were Mrs. Wilson, Miss J. J. Jusserand, ambassador of France, Mrs. Jusserand, high officers of the army and navy and representatives of several nations.

Symbol of Purpose.

"I light this statue," said the President, "with the thought that it may always stand as a symbol of our purpose to throw upon liberty, out of our own life as a nation, a light which shall reveal its dignity, its serene power, its benign hope and spirit of guidance."

The great guns of a division of the Atlantic fleet, anchored in the harbor as a guard of honor, boomed a salute as the statue flashed into view, outlined in white light. The whistles of countless harbor craft shrieked in unison and flashes of red light blazed up along the New York and New Jersey shores.

Adds Spectacular Touch.

There was a flash of flame high above the statue, and Ruth Law, in her airplane, added a spectacular touch to the ceremonies of illumination. Spouting sparks and fire from the tail of her machine, she circled the lower end of Manhattan Island. A roar of cheers from the thousands gathered in Battery Park greeted her as the letters "L-I-B-E-R-T-Y" outlined in electric lights were revealed on the bottom of the airplane.

The course of the Mayflower was marked by the stars of the most powerful searchlight in the world as the yacht's anchor was hoisted and the presidential party headed for the Battery to disembark for the motor-car parade which preceded a dinner in honor of Mr. Wilson and Ambassador Jusserand.

Skyline Literally Ablaze.

Leaving the statue behind, the party on the Mayflower looked but upon a city of light. New York's "million-dollar skyline" glowed with electric light. The city was a sea of light, and the sea of light was a sea of light. The city was a sea of light, and the sea of light was a sea of light.

Flag Outlined by Lights.

The parade passed into the canyon of lower Broadway, across the plaza of City Hall Park, where the Stars and Stripes outlined in red, white and blue electric lights gleamed on the front of the city hall, and on through Washington Square into 5th avenue. The flag, which had been converted into a "golden way,"



**PRESIDENT, AT CAPITOL,
MAY DISCUSS PRICES**

**Thousands of Petitions Pouring Into
White House Ask Relief From
High Food Cost.**

After President Wilson has concluded his address at the opening of Congress Tuesday it is possible he may deliver a brief address dealing with the high cost of living.

The President's plans on the subject are indefinite, and may not be matured until the last moment before he goes to Congress. It is known, however, that the administration considers the cost of living one of the most pressing questions before the country, and that many of the President's closest advisers favor considering it in the legislative program.

Show Public Opinion.

Thousands of petitions are pouring into the White House calling for some sort of relief from the present era of higher prices for food, many of them demanding an embargo on food exports to Europe. They are regarded by officials as an indication of a strong trend of public opinion toward an embargo, but it is understood, will not influence the administration in favor of it.

The course which the President is understood to favor is rather an extension of present laws to include the export of foodstuffs for foreign consumption and price fixing. An extensive federal investigation now is being conducted by United States attorneys in all the larger cities, and recently United States Attorney Anderson, at Boston, was placed in general charge of this work.

To Confer With Advisers.

President Wilson is expected to confer with some of the cabinet members on the subject after he returns from New York today. It was understood last night that while the President may finally decide that he can better approach the subject in another way, a proposal to take it before Congress on the opening day has met with much opposition.

TODAY'S NEWS AND FEATURES.

- PART I.
- 1—Political Crisis in Great Britain. No Clue to Lisner Assailant. President Turns on Liberty Light. Congress Resumes Tomorrow. Germans Within Five Miles of Bucharest.
 - 2—Entente Marines Leaving Athens. Anti-Suffrage Convention This Week. Fighting High Prices at Chihuahua.
 - 3—Plan Brightwood Reservoir Playground. Judge Goodwin Dead.
 - 4—Villa Moves Watched Here. Discuss Better Road to Winthrop, Md.
 - 5—With District Soldiers on Border. Arab Appeals to United States. Men in Congressional Press Gallery.
 - 6—Herbert Corey Interviews Venizelos.
 - 7—Among the Wreck of the Titanic. 11—Opportunities to Adopt War Orphans.
 - 8—Christmas Fund for District Soldiers. 3d Regiment, D. C., N. G., Ordered to Lead Springs.
 - 9—Old Paper Profit Near \$2,000. Religious Service for Leper Early.
 - 10—"Shop Early" Appeals Are Made.
 - 11—Representative Garner to Fight Embargo.
 - 12—Winners of Bundle Wrapping Contest. Playground Children to Sing Xmas Eve.
 - 13—Citizens' Federation Plans Fair. Santa Claus Girl Xmas Plans. Reichstag Passes "Man-Power" Bill. Bill Women Want Wage Increase. Tennis Association Banquet.
 - 14—Social Insurance Convention Here. Pennsylvania Society Urges Buchanan State.
 - 15—Electrical Week Opens. High School "Frats" Hearing. Alexandria Affairs.
 - 16—Two Billion Dollars Loaned to Allies.
 - 17—Financial.

- PART II.
- 1—District Militiamen Want Books.
 - 2—Amusements.
 - 3—Pepper as War Hero.
 - 4—Editorials.
 - 5—China's Present Crisis.
 - 6—War Reviews.
 - 7—Fashion Hints by Anne Rittenhouse.
 - 8—Notes.
 - 9—Poultry Yard Notes.
 - 10—Notes of Government Workers. Musical Mention.

- PART III.
- SUNDAY STAR MAGAZINE.

- PART IV.
- SPECIAL FEATURES.

- 1—Economy in Street Cleaning.
- 2—Army and Navy Movable Hospitals.
- 3—Trade Schools for Wounded Germans.
- 4—Book Reviews.
- 5—Rambler Visits Glesboro.
- 6—Morrow Talks With Crop Statistician.
- 7—Pepper as War Hero.
- 8—Herbert Kaufman's Message.
- 9—Carpenter Writes of Yukon Indians.

- PART V.
- SPORTS AND AUTOMOBILES.

- PART VI.
- COMIC SECTION.

- PART VII.
- SOCIETY.

- PLANOGRAPHURE SECTION.

- MOTOR CYCLIST INJURED.

- Taken to Hospital After Crash With Automobile on Alexandria Road.

- Man Believed Insane Under Observation in Philadelphia.

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**FOUND DEAD IN A CAR;
CONTRADES ARRESTED**

**Charles Gallagher of Brooklyn Was
Taking Horses From the Race
Track at Benning.**

Special Dispatch to The Star.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2.—Charles Gallagher, thirty-eight years old, 619 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, employed as a helper in bringing race horses from the Benning, D. C., race track, was found dead on the floor of a horse car when it arrived in this city shortly after midnight this morning.

Because of a bruise in the man's temple, three other men in the car were placed under arrest. The men under arrest are Walter Clark of Washington, D. C., express messenger, who had charge of the car, and James Chaff, Montreal, and Dennis Seely, Brooklyn, employed as helpers with Gallagher. Clark was held under \$500 bail, and the other men committed without bail for a further hearing Monday by Magistrate Beaton in the central station today.

Horse May Have Kicked Him.

Clark says he found Gallagher lying on the floor of the car when the train reached Baltimore. Unwilling to delay the delivery of the horse, he and added this city of the man's death and added that he was bringing the body on with him.

When the train, traveling over the Pennsylvania railroad, reached here the car was sidetracked at 18th and Market streets, where it was met by Clarke and Fisher, city hall detectives. According to Clark, Gallagher must have received the bruise either from a fall or from a kick from one of the horses.

In the dead man's pocket was found a card, giving his name and address, and the name of his sister, Miss Helen Gallagher, living at the Brooklyn address, he was notified in case of accident. This was done this morning by the police.

CRAWLING OVER DESERT.

**Army's First Caterpillar Traction
Train Under Way in Texas.**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., December 2.—The United States Army's first caterpillar tractor train was believed by officers here to have started today on the second half of its crawling journey over the west Texas desert between Marfa and Presidio. Reports of the train's experimental trip are being awaited with interest by officers at Fort Sam Houston, who see in the new mode of transportation a revolutionary influence in traffic along the border where good roads are few and motor trucks cannot go.

**CONGRESS MAY GET
COMPLETE JOB**

Democrats Would Like to
Round Out President's Pro-
gram of Legislation.

NEXT HOUSE IS UNCERTAIN

At noon tomorrow the Speaker of the House and the presiding officer of the Senate will call to order their respective bodies, announcing the opening of the second session of the Sixty-fourth Congress, which will terminate by constitutional limitation at noon March 4.

Short sessions of Congress are seldom productive of legislation of importance beyond the passage of the appropriation bills, but this one may prove an exception. If so, it will be due mainly to the fact that President Wilson's legislative program is not finished, and to the further consideration that if it is not completed before the Congress expires difficulty may be experienced in getting action in the Sixty-fifth Congress.

House Still in Doubt.

Whether the republicans or the democrats will organize the House in the next Congress is still a doubtful question. Both sides are now claiming a bare majority of one or two, with six independent votes in the balance, sufficient to tilt the scales. Before the first Monday in December, 1917, death or disability may further narrow the margin, or swing the pendulum to one side or the other.

The succeeding Congress, therefore, is uncertain as to its complexion. President Wilson's hold upon it less secure, his influence less potent. The administration supporters in the House consequently are inclined to put through at this session as much legislation as they can, while the democratic party has a good working majority in both houses and the President's prestige remains at its height.

To Complete the Program.

Statements which have been in touch with the White House, without violating confidence or anticipating the President's message to Congress, say that they understand he will make several recommendations along the line of general legislation, to complete the original program of the President. The subjects are familiar to the rank and file of the membership.

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Members Arriving on Every Train.

While some of the leaders will not arrive until today or early tomorrow, the rank and file of the House and Senate were pouring in last night on every train.

Returning members talk of new issues, but it is the general opinion that little other than appropriation bills will be introduced. A sufficient number of the subjects are familiar to the rank and file of the membership.

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May Not Take Holiday Recedes.

Because of the crush of business House leaders, among them Speaker Clark, are advocating abandonment of the usual holiday recess and urging night sessions at least twice a week.

Among returning democratic senators the question of selection of a new president is a topic of absorbing interest. A caucus probably will be held early this week. Among senators being mentioned to succeed the late Senator Clarke of Arkansas are Pomeroy of Ohio, Salisbury of Delaware, James of Michigan, and the late Senator Smith of Georgia and Bankhead of Alabama. Some southern senators have urged the selection of a new president for the recognition of the democratic triumph at the recent election in that section. Majority Leader Kern of Indiana, chairman of the caucus, is expected to reach Washington today, after which formal arrangements will be made for choosing the president pro tempore. Speculation regarding the majority leadership already is general in view of the defeat at the coming election of Southern senators are sounding out their colleagues on behalf of Senator Martin of Georgia. Senator Smith of Georgia is being urged to accept the nomination.

**INVASION ARMIES
WITHIN 5 MILES OF
BUCHAREST FORTS**

Rumanians Offer Desperate
Resistance, But Germanic
Hosts Close In.

**FOOTING IN KIRLIBABA
IS GAINED BY RUSSIANS**

Slav Pressure Believed Too Late,
However—Allied Forces Gain
in Dobruja.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, December 2.—Although the Rumanians apparently are offering desperate resistance west and south of Bucharest, the enemy forces are rapidly closing in on their capital and even the most optimistic military critics here admit that the situation is extremely critical.

Advices from Berlin today report that the Danube army is already menacing the girdle of fortresses around Bucharest, having reached the Argechi river, which is only five miles from the forts.

The Germans and Bulgarians also have gained ground northwest of the capital by working through the passes south of the Carpathians. Still another enemy force is reported to have broken through and defeated the first Rumanian army southwest of Ploesti, enabling it to capture general staff officers. The Rumanian and Russian communications are silent regarding this last claim, although both admit that the Rumanians under pressure were unable to hold their position in the sector. Further west, in Wallachia, the Rumanians assert that adverse weather conditions are hampering their operations.

Gain Footing in Kirlibaba.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Russian forces have gained a footing in the town of Kirlibaba and that desperate street fighting is in progress. German troops occupying the houses are defending them to the last extremity, the dispatch says, and reserves are being concentrated in the western part of the town for counterattacks.

It is generally believed here that Russian pressure on von Falkenhayn's army south of the Carpathians has been sufficient to offset the rapid gains of the Germans, or affect materially the German plans of encircling Bucharest. The Russian success in capturing a series of heights south of Kirlibaba gives them an entrenching position, and the Russian press is most encouraging counter move on the part of the allies.

**Violent Efforts Are Made
by Russians, But Berlin
Terms Fruitless**

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., December 2.—The new Russian movement in the Carpathians, along a front of 300 kilometers, is being carried on with great violence, according to the Overseas News Agency. The Russians are attempting to push back the army of von Goeben, and the pressure of von Goeben's army once more Transylvania and menace Gen. von Falkenhayn's army on the flank and rear. In conjunction with this, the Russian army is being directed principally against the passes leading from Moldavia to Transylvania, at the drivers of the Russian army have driven back the Russians.

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Russ Attack Repeatedly.

Further to the south, near Kirlibaba, in the Jacobeni district, southeast of Dorna Watra and between the Uzl and Otuz valleys, the Russian army, which have been repeated six times in one day, in spite of sanguinary losses. The Russians, says the Overseas Agency, were able to make no gain worth mentioning. It adds:

"The tenacity displayed by the Russians on the whole Carpathian front, with disregard for men and material, gives the impression that the Russian army is being directed principally against the passes leading from Moldavia to Transylvania, at the drivers of the Russian army have driven back the Russians."